

Plymouth Congregational Church

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN



Jacob's Marriage

July 26, 2020

Dear God,

*Thanks for today, for this beautiful world, for the health
and safety of my friends and family, and for all the things
you have given us! Life is better with you and your LOVE!
Amen.*

Plymouth Children's Prayer



Living into God's Promise

based on Genesis 29:15–28

How you use your body as you tell
the story can help the children
gauge the emotional side
of the story.

When the story ended last week, Jacob was on his way to Haran. His mother sent him there to stay with her family. Jacob had to leave home because he had made Esau very angry. Jacob had tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing that should have gone to Esau, not to Jacob. Jacob has finally arrived in Haran.

In Haran he stopped to ask some shepherds for directions to the home of his Uncle Laban. While he was speaking to them, he saw Laban's daughter Rachel, who was tending the sheep. Rachel took Jacob to her father.

Jacob stayed with Laban's family for a month, working for Laban. Laban said to Jacob, "You have been working for me for nothing. What should I pay you?"

By then Jacob knew that he wanted to marry Rachel. In those days, the man had to talk with the father to make the arrangements.

"I love Rachel," Jacob said. "I will work seven years to have her as my wife." Laban agreed to this deal.

After seven years, Jacob's wedding day came. Jacob and Rachel were surrounded by family and friends for the celebration. Brides in those days wore a dark veil over their faces, covering them so you couldn't see them. The wedding party lasted late into the night.

The next morning when Jacob woke up he found that he had married Leah, Rachel's older sister. Jacob had been tricked. Jacob was angry and hurried to find Laban.

"You have tricked me!" Jacob yelled.

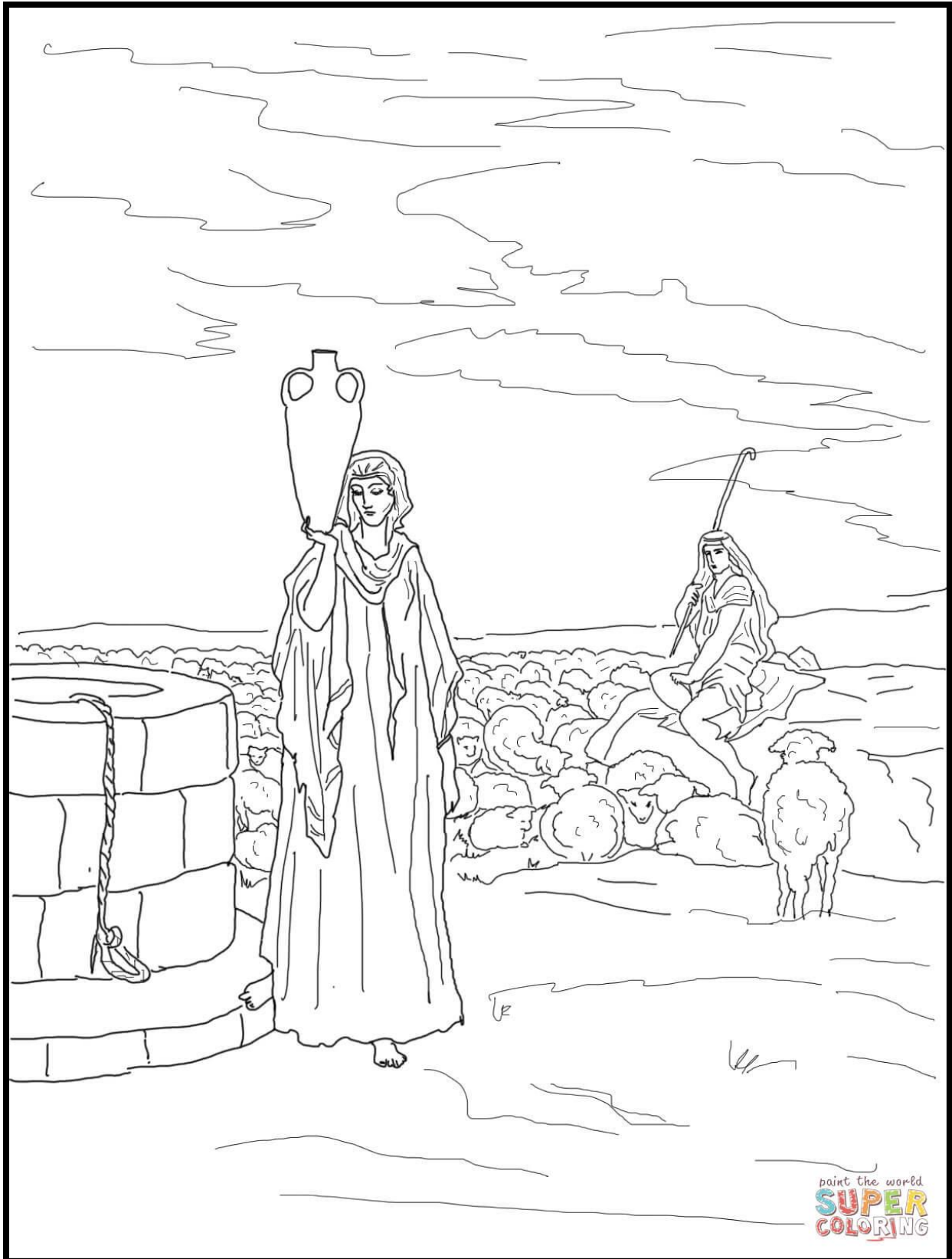
"Jacob," Laban said calmly, "you know that the younger sister cannot marry before the older sister is married. That is our custom."

Leah was a good woman, but Jacob loved Rachel. "This is what I will do, Jacob," said Laban. "If you work seven more years, you can marry Rachel, too."

Now Jacob knew what it was like to be tricked. But he loved Rachel so much that Jacob did work for Laban for seven more years. Then Jacob and Rachel were married and lived into God's promise to be a blessing in the world.

Creation Corner

Jacob Meets Rachel at the Well





JACOB'S FAMILY

Children were considered a blessing from God. Having many children was a sign of God's love. Find and circle the names of Jacob's children in the puzzle below. The names of Jacob's sons became the names for the 12 tribes of Israel. You will hear more about the children of Jacob in the weeks ahead.

Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah
Issachar
Zebulun
Dinah
Gad
Asher
Dan
Naphtali
Joseph
Benjamin

B	C	U	A	M	Y	P	J	E	P	X	S	D
E	Y	J	U	D	A	H	P	O	C	E	B	I
N	F	N	G	O	P	K	N	W	S	X	Z	N
J	S	M	A	A	W	U	W	J	N	E	R	A
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Now I pray that God, who gives love and peace, will be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

The Lord gives strength to those who are weary. (Isaiah 40:30)

We tell you what worries us, and you won't let us fall. (Psalm 55:22)

Don't be afraid. I am with you. Don't tremble with fear. I am your God. (Isaiah 41:10)

Come, save us and bless us. Be our shepherd and always carry us in your arms. (Psalm 28:9)

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

I have called you by name; now you belong to me. (Isaiah 43:1)

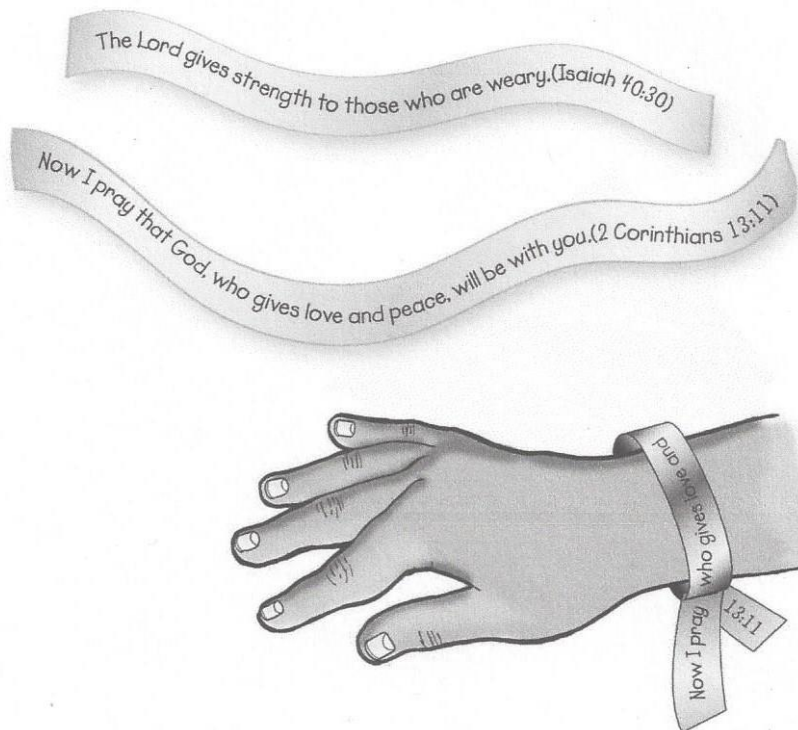
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Materials

- ☐ sturdy ribbon, such as grosgrain or craft foam, cut into 30–37 cm/12–15 in lengths
- ☐ permanent, fine-tip markers

Instructions

- 1 Select a Bible verse from above.
- 2 Print it carefully on a strip of sturdy ribbon.
- 3 Find a partner to tie it around your wrist. Help your partner too.
4. Or print verse onto strip of craft foam, punch holes in the ends, and thread with yarn to tie around wrist.



Greetings friends,

During these days of uncertainty, as followers of Jesus, let us remember that we are a HOPE-giving people. Remembering the words of Jesus, "do not be afraid, for I am with you always," we put our trust in the Lord, and in that we find comfort. You are all in my prayers.

If there is anything that I can do for you, please contact me via email at andrea@plymouthmiami.org.

Blessings,

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